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# ELEMENTARY LIBRARY LESSON

RECOMMENDED READS  
"Insects"



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SCAVENGER HUNT  
All these items and answers are in  
the Insects slides. Can you find them?

The rhinoceros beetle is the  
beetle on earth.

Are scorpions insects? If not  
insects, what are they?

SCAVENGER HUNT  
Can you find all these items in  
the Insects slides? Color them!

cockroach  
mosquito  
spaceship  
of cake

## WOULD YOU RATHER...?



have strong legs like a grasshopper  
**OR**  
have mandibles like a stag beetle

GRADES  
K-4

# "Insects"



# ON THE SPECIALS?

## WHAT IS AN IDIOM?

An idiom is a phrase that means something totally different from what it sounds like.

It's kind of like a secret code! Idioms can be confusing if you don't know what they mean.



Piece of cake



grasshopper

## BUGGY IDIOMS

Since today's topic is bugs, let's learn some buggy idioms!

Have you heard any of these before?

Teaching the same lesson, the same way, 20 times each week? There is a variety of content here, so you don't need to use every slide with every grade level. No more teaching the exact same lesson all week!

# TWO-PART LESSON

## BUTTERFLIES IN THE STOMACH

nervous or anxious

If you are nervous about something, such as a test or going on stage to perform, you have "butterflies in your stomach."



## THE BEE'S KNEES

really awesome, fantastic, excellent

If someone says

**"You are the bee's knees!"**

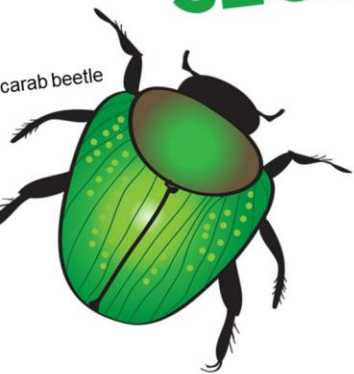
it means they think you are awesome!

It's a compliment!

Designed specifically for librarians on the Specials rotation! Each part takes about 25 minutes and can easily be reduced or split into two lessons.

# PART I – WHOLE CLASS LESSON

## SIGN LANGUAGE



[This is the American Sign Language sign for "bug"](#)

## SNUG AS A BUG

**Snug** means cozy, warm, and comfortable.

The longer idiom is "Snug as a bug in a rug."

Does this ladybug look snug on this leaf?

Part I includes sign language how-to link ("bug/insect") + 10 illustrated insect idioms

# PART I – WHOLE CLASS LESSON

## DON'T LET THE BEDBUGS BITE



I hope you sleep well and soundly.

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"Good night  
don't let the

## BUSY AS A BEE

very busy

Bees have so much to do! If you are as  
"busy as a bee," then you are busy, too!



Sample slides from Part I

# GUIDES YOUR LIBRARY TIME

## STORYTIME!

Paste your story time book cover in this area.

See Slide 4 or the Recommended  
Reads for read-aloud suggestions.

This slide is fully-editable, including the artwork.

## WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?



1  
Find a book you like.



2  
Bring your book to the  
circulation desk.



3  
Color at the tables.

The presentation guides library time from start to finish! Includes recommended read-aloud ideas with video links, reminder slides, and a “What Should We Do Now?” slide.

# PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES

## ON THIS WEEK'S AGENDA:

- Click to add text
- Click to add text



WHAT DO YOU THINK?



Are scorpions insects?

(answer on next slide)

Part II includes additional facts about insects

# SCROLLING SLIDES

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Add your student and faculty birthdays here! Students LOVE seeing their birthdays on the screen! For some, this may be the only way their classmates know it's their birthday.

You may be able to get a list of student and staff birthdays from your gradebook system, or just ask someone in the front office to print a monthly list for you.

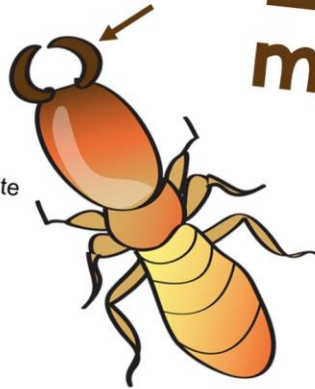
Be sure to get an updated list at the beginning of each month so you don't miss anyone who might be new.



### WORD OF THE WEEK

## mandibles

termite



(plural noun)  
first pair of jaws on an insect,  
located near the mouth.

Insects use their **mandibles** for many purposes, including crushing food, digging holes, and defending themselves.

More examples of Part II—Scrolling Slides

# DON'T HAVE POWERPOINT?

## CAN YOU GUESS THE MYSTERY INSECT?

The next four slides have four clues.  
All the clues refer to the same insect.  
Can you guess the insect?



## WHAT INSECT AM I?



**Clue #1:** I come in many colors, including red, orange, yellow, black, pink, and white.

I've also included a Google Slides version!

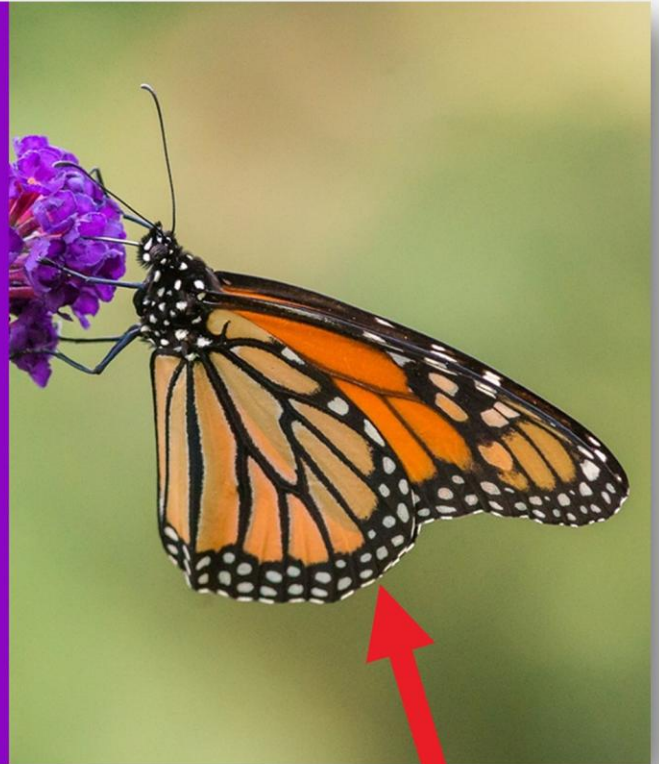
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## DID YOU KNOW...?

Monarch caterpillars feed on  
toxic milkweed plants.

When they become butterflies, the  
milkweed poison stays in their bodies.

This makes Monarchs poisonous  
to predators and helps to  
keep them safe.



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and headers)**

**Not editable  
(images)**

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# PRE-FILLED LESSON PLAN TEMPLATE

**LESSON PLAN**

**DATES**  
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**GRADES**  
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**AASL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK**

**AASL V.C.1**  
Expressing curiosity about a topic of personal interest or curricular relevance

**AASL C.1.1**  
Interacting with content presented by others.

**COMMON CORE STANDARDS**

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.10**  
Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.1.6**  
Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading texts, including using frequently occurring conjunctions to signal related ideas and actions

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.5**  
Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in language

**SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES NEEDED**

- Computer, projector or TV screen, slide speakers
- Books for read-aloud
- Copies of Scavenger Hunt (one per student)
- Copies of Recommended Reads for Kids and Parents
- Crayons, colored pencils, and/or markers

**THE STUDENTS WILL...**

- Learn the American Sign Language sign for bug/insect
- Discuss the meanings of 10 bug-themed idioms
- Play a guessing game for two "mystery insects"

**RELATED VIDEO:**

- ["Butterfly or Moth?"](#) by SciShow Kids (5 min)
- ["Inspect an Insect"](#) by SciShow Kids (<4 min)
- ["Monarch Butterfly Metamorphosis time-lapse"](#) by FrontYardVideo (<3 min)

**READ-ALoud(S)**  
TYPE READ-ALoud TITLES HERE

**CONCEPTS**

- ASL sign language signs
- 10 insect-themed idioms
- What is an idiom?
- Science vocabulary

**LIBRARY SKILLS**

- 595 Dewey Decimal Classification

Includes a pre-filled, editable lesson plan template for this library lesson. AASL, TEKS, and CC standards are all included on the lesson plan.

# RECOMMENDED READS

## "Insects"

### Picture Books

*Hello, Little One: A Monarch Butterfly Story* (Pliska)  
*Butterfly for a King* (Roth)  
*Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellafera*  
(Fleming)  
*Ant and Grasshopper* (Gray)  
*A Good Place* (Cousins)  
*The Fly* (Trondheim)



### Fiction

*King and the Dragonflies* (Callender)  
*Izzy Kline Has Butterflies* (Ain)  
*Chirp* (Messner)  
*Project Startup #1* (d'Asaro)

### Nonfiction & Biography

*Bugs Before Time* (Camper)  
*The Girl Who Drew Butterflies* (Sidman)  
*Children's Guide to Insects and Spiders* (Johnson)  
*You're Invited to a Moth Ball* (Burns)  
*Traveling Butterflies* (Shingu)



Includes separate page (editable) that lists 20 book titles about insects. Print and give out to students, parents, and teachers.



### Poetry

*Hard-Boiled Bugs for Breakfast* (Prelutsky)

# PART II- SCAVENGER HUNTS

**SCAVENGER HUNT**  
Can you find all these items in the Insects slides? Color them!

**EASIER**

cockroach

mosquito

luna moth

**SCAVENGER HUNT**  
All these items and answers are in the Insects slides. Can you find them?

The rhinoceros beetle is the \_\_\_\_\_ beetle on \_\_\_\_\_

**HARDER**

What number is the largest section for insects?

Which mosquito suck b

Milkweed makes monarch butterflies \_\_\_\_\_. This helps the butterflies stay safe from predators.

What kind of \_\_\_\_\_

**ANSWER KEY**

**SCAVENGER HUNT**  
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**ANSWER KEY**

longest

No; they are arachnids

insects?

Which mosquitoes

Milkweed makes monarch \_\_\_\_\_

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Which insect

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Which insect

Keep students engaged during checkout! All images and answers to the questions appear in Part II of the presentation. Two differentiated versions!

# WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT THIS LIBRARY LESSON...



Mrs. Readerpants never disappoints! Although I tend to use her lessons primarily for K-1, I love the flexibility of her lessons! One of my goals for next year is to incorporate her lessons into my upper grade lesson also!!

# WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT THIS LIBRARY LESSON...



I have been able to use this in many ways with various grades.

The review slides are great and I love the idiom lessons and easily found books to go with them.

# MORE LIBRARY LESSONS

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## LET'S TRAVEL TO TEXAS!

**TEXAS STATE BIRD**

The Texas state bird is the northern mockingbird.

Mockingbirds can imitate the sounds of other birds, plus machinery, music, frogs, and loads!



RECOMMENDED READS  
SCAVENGER HUNT

GRADES 2-5 Library lesson + activity



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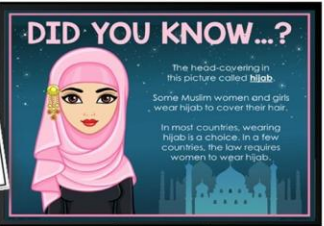
## DIGITAL LIBRARY LESSON

**DID YOU KNOW...?**

The head-covering in this picture called hijab.


Some Muslim women and girls wear hijab to cover their hair.

In most countries, wearing hijab is a choice. In a few countries, the law requires women to wear hijab.



RECOMMENDED READS "Ramadan"

GRADES K-6 "Ramadan"




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## LIBRARY LESSON ASIA & PACIFIC ISLANDS

**QUICK FACTS ABOUT ASIA**


- Asia is the largest of the seven continents.
- There are currently 50 countries in Asia.
- Asia borders the Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, and Arctic Ocean.

Taj Mahal is a mausoleum in India. It is one of the Seven New Wonders of the World.



RECOMMENDED READS  
SCAVENGER HUNT

GRADES 3-6 "Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month"



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## ENDANGERED ANIMALS LIBRARY LESSON

**ANIMALS IN DANGER**

Some animal and plant species are disappearing.

They are dying in large numbers for lots of different reasons.

Snow leopards live in high mountains in Central Asia. They are a vulnerable species.



RECOMMENDED READS  
SCAVENGER HUNT

GRADES 3-6 Perfect for Earth Day in the library!

